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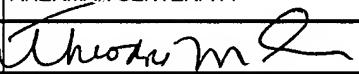
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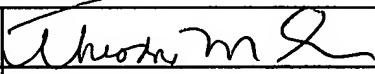
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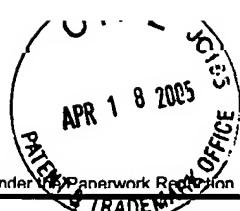
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity
Fee (\$)

50 25

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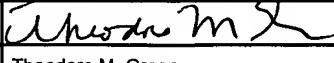
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This application is a continuation of application number 10/165,468. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d)(1), no copies are enclosed of references listed on the accompanying Forms PTO/SB08A which are of record in the underlying application, from which the instant application claims priority. However, should the Examiner need copies of any reference, he may request the copy or copies by telephoning the undersigned attorney and the requested references will be delivered to the Examiner as soon as practicable.

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